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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Denmark Doings.

Denmark, March 26.—Miss Julia Goolsby entertained a few couples at "hearts dice" on Friday evening.

Mrs. H. J. Walker spent last week in Charleston with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Black.

Mr. F. H. McCrae, who has been for several months in Jacksonville, Fla., is at home on a visit.

Mr. Louis Clark, of Columbia, was in town on Sunday.

Mrs. H. W. Goolsby and daughter, Frances, of Fort Motte, are the guests of Mrs. G. W. Goolsby, of this city.

Mr. C. R. Gillam, of Bamberg, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosley, of Roanoke, Va., are the guests of Mr. T. B. Wilkinson, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blount, Jr., of Augusta, Ga., paid a short visit to his parents here last week, Mr. and Mrs. L. Blount.

Quite a great deal of excitement was caused on Monday, when the house containing the gasoline tank of the Denmark Machine Works, was blown up. The tank of gasoline caught fire in some unknown way and exploded.

Denmark High School News.

The Lanier Literary Society held its usual meeting on Friday afternoon in the school auditorium.

The debate was one of the most interesting we have ever had, the query being:

Resolved: "That National Banks Should be Abolished." Reynold Wiggins and Kathleen Fogle supported the affirmative, Euine Mayfield and Ruth Guess the negative side. The question had been discussed very freely for weeks past, and the occasion was looked forward to with great interest. Nor were we disappointed, for the debates on both sides were excellent, the points well developed, and well chosen. The judges, Dr. J. S. Matthews, Dr. J. G. Boozer, and Mr. Cecil Crum, finally decided in favor of the negative.

All of us were very glad indeed to see several visitors, and hope that they, with others, will honor us again with their presence.

A MEMBER.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, March 26.—Mr. J. W. Goodson is able to be out again. Mr. Goodson was injured during the fire which destroyed part of the Hacker Manufacturing Co.'s plant at this place.

Mr. J. Etna Buck, of Rural Retreat, Va., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. D. B. Groseclose, has returned to his home.

Miss Chloe Groseclose spent last week with friends at Jennys.

About two hundred bales of cotton were sold here last week. There are some farmers in this section still holding for higher prices.

The farmers have been busy for the past few weeks, hauling fertilizer. Think they are about through now. Not near so much being used this year.

Mr. I. J. Zeigler will soon have his residence on Railroad Avenue completed.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Most conceited people have no reason for being so.

Little troubles may keep us from butting into bigger ones.

A woman of tact is one who can smile when her rival is praised.

Life is a game of chance—and you have to die in order to beat it.

Great things are accomplished not by strength but by perseverance.

When a man is willing to admit that he is in the wrong he's on the right track.

Even a suffragette dislikes the idea of standing up for herself in a crowded car.

When you praise a man he is seldom satisfied unless you speak loud enough for the world to hear.

Nearly every man lives to congratulate himself that he didn't marry the first woman he ever loved.

The peacemaker may be all right, but he is never appreciated by the man who is getting the best of it.

2,000 feet of new film showing in its every detail Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East, Pastime Theater, Saturday, March 30th.

CHANGED TO MANSLAUGHTER.

Charge Against Mrs. McRee, Again on Trial for Killing Garland.

Opelousas, La., March 25.—When Mrs. Zee Runge McRee was brought to trial to-day for the second time for killing young Allen Garland, the charge against her was changed from murder to manslaughter. This announcement was made by the prosecution after the defence announced that it was ready for trial on the indictment as drawn. The jury in the first trial was unable to agree. Selection of jurors out of a panel of three hundred veniremen was begun this afternoon, and before adjournment two had qualified. A night session was held.

The changing of the charge from murder to manslaughter removes the accused from the possibility of death on the gallows, but subjects her to the maximum penalty of twenty years in prison and a fine of \$2,000, in the event of conviction of manslaughter.

Withdraws Charges Against Sing.

Charlotte, N. C., March 23.—Boyd H. Sing, of Florence, S. C., charged with the abduction of Mrs. O. L. Wombaugh, niece of Prof. M. H. Holt, principal of Oak Ridge Institute, and in whose home Sing lived, was to-day released on advices from Richmond, where Mrs. Wombaugh has been in conference with her husband and Prof. Holt. The warrant has been withdrawn with the consent of the relatives.

Mrs. Wombaugh, a strikingly beautiful bride of 19 years, was located to-day in Chesterfield county, Va., about two miles from Richmond where she has hired herself as a cook, after failing to secure employment as a nurse in one of the Richmond hospitals. Prof. Holt, Mr. Wombaugh and private detectives made the find.

Previous to the withdrawal of the charges Sing's relatives in Florence had furnished bond of \$1,000. Sing denies that he accompanied the girl away from Oak Ridge.

Warehouse Burned.

At 1:20 o'clock Monday afternoon, the warehouse owned and managed by Mr. John Cart of this city, was discovered to be on fire and within a short while the entire building was ablaze. The arrival of the department followed immediately after the alarm but the fire gained rapid headway and the building is practically a complete loss. The warehouse was located on the siding of the A. C. L. just to the rear of the cotton mill of the Orangeburg Manufacturing Company and several hundred bales of cotton were stored therein. The building had only recently been enlarged for the accommodation of more cotton.

As the building was almost entirely enveloped in flames when the department arrived the origin of the fire could not be stated.

There were about 400 bales of cotton in the building, the greater part of which will be a total loss.

The alarm was sent in from Box 48 and in three minutes after the alarm two streams of water were being played on the flames by the fire department of the Orangeburg Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Cart when seen this afternoon, stated that there was insurance to the amount of \$20,000 on the cotton stored in the building and the insurance on the warehouse is \$2,500. He also stated that the loss on the cotton would be considerable unless the salvage corps reached the city at once. A long distance call was put in for Columbia this afternoon and efforts will be made to have the corps reach the city this afternoon in order that they may get to work at once.

Just a little more than a year ago this same building caught fire about the same time of day and was partially destroyed. There was a considerable amount of cotton stored there at that time and much of the cotton was lost.—Orangeburg Evening News.

Pointed Paragraphs.

He who lends money without security borrows trouble.

Unless a man is chicken-hearted he's seldom henpecked.

Does a thin woman worry because she has such a narrow outlook?

A man is always willing to pay what he owes—if it is a grudge.

Our idea of a lazy woman is one who never gets busy with her complexion.

If a man saves money it is because he is kept too busy at work to spend it.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Chas. H. Barber, the young Spartanburg broker, sentenced for two years for embezzlement, has gone to work on the county chain gang.

A fire in a room of the Spartanburg court house on Tuesday destroyed two hundred convict suits and did other damage. The origin of the fire is not known.

Geo. W. Wilson died at his home at Bowman, Orangeburg county, on Sunday. If he had lived till the 14th of July he would have been one hundred years old.

The supreme court on Saturday granted a new trial to Alex Weldon and William Burroughs, negroes, who had been sentenced to hang for the murder of Elihu Moye in Florence county, the ground being that they were not given a fair and impartial trial.

The committee appointed by the legislature to investigate the dispensary is still in session, but nothing material or sensational is being brought out. The committee might as well adjourn and save the taxpayers the money the investigation is costing.

Fire in Florence last week destroyed the freight depot of the Atlantic Coast Line, the property loss being something like \$50,000. The fire started in a lot of cotton stored on the depot platform. Mr. S. H. Saunders, formerly of this city, lost 23 bales of cotton in the fire.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Press Association will be held in Spartanburg some time about the middle of June, and after a session of two days a trip will be taken to the mountains of Western North Carolina. A most interesting program for the session has been arranged.

Judge Sease at Laurens last week imposed a sentence of \$1,500 fine or two years on the chain gang or in the penitentiary on J. G. Wham, who was convicted of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, in beating W. E. Nash with a buggy whip. Both men are well known and wealthy farmers near Clinton.

The post office at Branchville is in danger of losing its present standing on account of the falling off in receipts the past year. It is now rated as third class, sixth grade, and unless the sales of stamps, postal cards, etc., reach \$450 during this month the office will lose two grades. The newspaper there is calling on the people to lay in a supply of stamps, etc., so that the present rating of the office may be maintained.

Novel Water Supply.

On the farm of W. H. Farquahr, in Washington county, Pa., water is supplied for laundry, kitchen and bath room in a cheap and novel manner, says the Agriculturist. About 60 rods from the farm house is the village church, standing about 100 feet higher than the dwelling. Mr. Farquahr conceived the idea of conducting the rain water from the roof of the church into a large reservoir, which he would construct in the field nearby. From there the water is piped under gravity pressure to his house, thus affording a bountiful supply for the purposes named. All the church trustees require is that the conductor pipes on the church be kept in good repair.

Water from a spring is piped to the barn for the stock, and at a nearby spring water for cooking is gotten, and here is located a milk room where the output of a well-kept dairy herd is cooled before it is put on the market. Mr. Farquahr has built a very practical barn and demonstrates that he can grow crops to fill it, as he has a fine row of well-made clover hay. Some nice poultry is kept, and best of all, a contented, happy family in the pink of health.

Wanted to Keep the Farm.

A blond Scandinavian wandered into the office of a title company with a request:

"Ay want you to make some papers out. Ay buy a farm in das country and ay tank ay want a mortgage."

"Why do you want a mortgage?" the clerk asked, surprised. "If you bought a farm don't you want a deed?"

"No, ay tank not. Sax years ago ay buy a farm and get a deed, and nodder feller he come along mit mortgage and tank da farm. Ay tank ay tak a mortgage."—Houston Post.

CONSUMER PAYS IN END

For Higher Wages Given to Stop Lawrence Mill Strike.

Boston, March 24.—The great Lawrence strike, which brought in its train increased wages for 275,000 textile workers in New England, was officially declared off at all the mills in Lawrence to-day, having accomplished its purpose, in the opinion of the leaders.

In this connection it is generally believed, too, that advances in wages or reduction in hours to paper mill employees, bagging and burlap workers, machinists and operatives in other industries are all traceable, directly or indirectly, to the movement which had its origin in Lawrence.

The total number of persons thus to be benefitted is considerably upward of 300,000. Advances in the price of woolen and cotton goods, which have been made or which are in prospect, will probably place upon the ultimate consumer much of the burden of the additional cost to the textile manufacturers. This will aggregate between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 during the next year, it is estimated. Mill agents in announcing advances in prices have frankly said that the upward trend is the result of wage advances.

The rise in the price of cotton goods, announced up to the present time, is comparatively small—a fraction of a cent a yard in most cases—but selling agents predict that the net advance to the retailer may ultimately reach two cents a yard. Some increased prices also have been quoted on woolen goods and dealers freely predict higher prices for next season.

New Bedford, where the manufacturers of the finer grades of cotton goods have refused to accede to the demands of their employees for an additional 5 per cent., has displaced Lawrence as the centre of interest in the textile situation. Unless the mill-owners give the increased demand within a few days, it is feared a strike of from 25,000 to 30,000 operatives will follow. While an increase of 5 per cent has been offered the New Bedford operatives are insistent that they receive ten per cent. Secretary Devoll, of the Manufacturers' Association, has promised them that the mill-owners will decide early in the week whether this will be granted.

Killed by Electric Current.

Laurens, March 24.—J. Belton Diver, superintendent of the Reedy River Power company, located at Boyd's Mill, 12 miles west of this city, was electrocuted to-day while at work in the power plant. The accident occurred just before noon and Mr. Diver lived only a short time after receiving the shock. With several men he was engaged in overhauling the plant, which was greatly damaged by the recent freshet, and at the time he received the fatal shock he was mounted on a 12-foot scaffold, from which he fell.

Mr. Diver was a native of Anderson, and has been superintendent of the plant for several years, making his home in Laurens. He was about 30 years of age and is survived by a young wife. He was married at Anderson last June.

Receivership for Bank.

Lexington, March 21.—Under a petition filed by the State bank examiner, B. J. Rhame, of Columbia, and the agreement of the attorneys for the bank and by consent of the parties interested, Judge Prince, of Anderson, to-day signed an order appointing W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, receiver for the Lexington Savings bank of Lexington. Mr. Townsend will qualify at once and will take charge of the institution to-morrow morning. In the petition of the State bank examiner asking that a receiver be appointed, it is stated that an examination of the bank showed assets to the amount of \$378,538.70 and liabilities of \$325,651.70.

The attorneys declined to make a further statement to-night and it is impossible to get fuller information. The Lexington Savings bank is the oldest bank in Lexington county, having been organized in 1892 with a capital of \$10,000. W. P. Roof is sole owner, being president and cashier.

The wholesale pardoning of criminals by Governor Blease may have been the cause of the lynching of the three negroes at Olar. It is the uncertainty of the punishment of criminals that make people take the law into their own hands.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Write the Ford Sales Company, Bamberg, S. C., for catalogue and prices. Stock of cars on hand.

WILL STARVE ALLEN GANG

OUTLAWS HIDING IN MOUNTAINS CAN'T GET FOOD.

Are Surrounded and Capture is Only a Matter of a Very Few Days at Most.

Hillsville, Va., March 25.—"They can keep us guessing several days but no longer; they can't get food enough to live on."

This was the statement to-night of the leaders of the posses which are hunting the Allen outlaws for the court house murders of March 14.

After another day's hide-and-seek up and down the south side of the Blue Ridge, in which the posses often were near the Allens and even found the initials from Sidna's saddle pad, part of his horse's bridle and the remains of a meal hastily eaten by the outlaws on the retreat, the detectives declared their final assault upon the gang might be delayed several days.

Able to proceed only in the gray of dawn or the cloudy mist of nightfall, the posses to-day cautiously picked their way to the edges of several ledges where they supposed the Allens might be.

Can't Move at Night.

"The posses can not move at night," said one of the leaders. "To move about in the thick blackness of the mountains might mean a fall over a precipice. To use lanterns would awaken the country side and set up a barking of dogs that would betray us. All we can do is dash for the hiding places early in the day, make sure that the Allens spent the night there, then follow their trail."

"We have guards at all the feasible exits from the mountains and the Allens can not get away."

A posse of 14 spent last night in Floyd Allen's barn. R. H. Willis, one of the attorneys for the Allens, declared to-day that the families of Floyd and Victor were destitute and neighbors feared to aid them.

Indictments Expected.

When the reconstructed Carroll county court convenes to-morrow some indictments for complicity in the court house assassins are expected. The present indictments for murder against members of the Allen gang probably will be dismissed to-morrow on a technicality. Judge Massie, assassinated on the bench at the term of court which returned them, was prevented from issuing the order for empaneling the jury. Judge Staples, who arrived to-day, will empanel a jury which will return substitute indictments more complete than those drawn in the excitement two days after the tragedy.

Sheriff George M. Edwards returned here to-day and declared that the week's siege in the mountains with the inclement weather had almost completely exhausted the posses. Sheriff Edwards said that Saturday and Sunday night not one of the posse was able to obtain food or shelter.

The sheriff busied himself to-day with summoning a new grand jury for the convening of court to-morrow. In preparation for the session Attorney General Samuel Williams, representing Gov. Mann, and acting Judge Walter R. Staples reached here to-day.

The defense authorized the statement that a change of venue would not be asked for Victor Allen and Byrd Marion, in jail in Roanoke, and that no decision had been reached as to Floyd Allen's case. The arraignment of the prisoners will be held April 15.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A woman's mind is like a bed—it must be made up occasionally.

A married woman's description of an ideal man seldom fits her husband.

No one but a gossip can attend to everybody's business at the same time.

A man without convictions is as uninteresting as a man with them is insufferable.

And every mother expects to pick a better husband for her daughter than she did for herself.

A woman can't talk as much at a funeral as she can at a wedding, but she seems to enjoy it anyway.

The election to vote \$8,000 for a new school building at Holly Hill, Berkeley county, carried almost unanimously on Tuesday; and Scranton, in Williamsburg county, voted \$20,000 the same day for school purposes—to enlarge the school building and increase the teaching force.

Don't miss the great Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show at the Pastime Theater Saturday, March 30th.

WANT ALL THE FACTS.

Governor Blease Urged Once More to Appear.

As the old saying goes Governor Blease should either put up or shut up. To the charge Governor Blease made against them in his Newberry interview, that they were "white-washing" their friends and devoting their time to attempting to find something to discredit him and his administration, the dispensary investigating committee made reply late Friday afternoon.

After receiving the governor's refusal to appear before the committee and submit his proofs and evidence, which he says he has and of the governor's refusal to turn over the Felder letters, the committee says that the "governor can hardly be serious in his statement that the committee is attempting to 'whitewash'."

They recite the governor's repeated refusal to assist the committee, but renew their invitation to him to come forward and give out what he knows. The committee is attempting to probe without fear and without favor. To this end the committee invites any citizen of South Carolina, who has any knowledge of any one who has had criminal or unquestionable connection with the late dispensary, or who suspects any one of any knowledge of unlawful acts to come forward and assist the committee in probing into every thing.

Governor Blease is included in this invitation and the committee states that they would be very glad to have the governor present any proof or evidence he may have. The "show down" has come and the committee issues the invitation broadcast.

Their next meeting will be on April 3, at 11 a. m., in the State house library, and any one who can throw light on the dispensary matters is asked to be on hand then and be ready to give the committee his information. "The investigation is going to be thorough and will be without favor" was a statement which sums up the attitude of the committee.

Governor Blease should be on hand and tell what he knows about the old State dispensary or the Ansel winding-up commission if he knows anything. He owes this to the State, to himself and the men he has charged with wrongdoing. If he does not make good his charge, the people will come to the conclusion that he was talking through his hat when he made them. The committee gives him every chance to prove his charges.

Farms Run by Electricity.

The application of electricity to agriculture may solve the labor problem of the American farmer, says Current Literature for October. Farms run by electricity are no longer a novelty in Europe and Canada. The Southern Electrician reprints the report of the chairman of a hydroelectric commission recently sent to Europe in search of information for the Ontario government, with the object of extending the use of the electricity generated by Niagara Falls to Canadian farms. At an electrical exhibition in Munich the representative of the Canadian government remarked a model farm fully equipped with electricity, and a practical demonstration of electric ploughing, where from twenty-five to thirty acres were being ploughed with one plough per day. In practically all European farms electricity seems to be largely and extensively used on farms of from 25 to 1,000 acres for threshing, cleaning grain, chopping, root-cutting, sawing wood, pumping water, milking, cream-separating, butter-making, ironing and lighting. "At a municipal farm at Berlin," the Canadian expert goes on to say, "over four hundred-horse power is used. While we found that the cost of supplying power and light was higher on the whole than it will be with us, the cost of distribution of electricity to the farmer is less, as they do not live on their farms as in Ontario, but are grouped in villages. Electricity from an economic standpoint should be of greater value to our farmers, as wages are from fifty per cent. to one hundred per cent. higher, and even at that farm labor is difficult to procure." This statement also applies, no doubt, to conditions in the United States.

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